

a proper minimum wage. That's been in for a long time. I wonder how that would be debated today and what kind of remedy we would have to debate putting into the constitution for that. Laws may be enacted providing. This is Section 9, of XV, providing for the investigation, submission and determination of controversies between employers and employees in any business or vocation affected with public interest and for the prevention of unfair business practices and unconscionable gains in any business or vocation affecting the public welfare. An Industrial Commission may be created, may be created for the purpose of administering such laws, and appeals shall be as provided by law. Section 13, no person shall be denied employment because of membership in or affiliation with, or resignation or expulsion from a labor organization or because of refusal to join or affiliate with a labor organization; nor shall any individual or corporation or association of any kind enter into any contract, written or oral, to exclude persons from employment because of membership in or nonmembership in a labor organization. We have time and time again pointed out certain areas, certain types of protection in our constitution, but you do not find in the constitution those remedies and you certainly don't find in the constitution that nothing in this section shall constitute a basis for any person to bring an action for damages against the State of Nebraska or any political subdivision or any employee thereof. The constitution is a basic right. It's a basic right that we are asking you for victims of crime. We have defined those victims in statute and we have asked that they be given that kind of constitutional protection that other segments of population, other classes of population, other individuals in a class have and I think that's perfectly proper. Fourteen states have put in much more detail into their constitution. There is not remedies and I wish you would look at that packet that the Nebraska Coalition for Victims of Crime handed out. In that you will find some constitutional provisions that are far more reaching, many of them put into the constitution by the initiative petition process because victims of crime...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR PIRSCH: ...are sick and tired of not having the same kind of constitutional rights and balance in the constitution as the criminals have.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Chambers.